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S. 3507

To provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SMITH, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

SEPTEMBER 22 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008
Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide for additional emergency unemployment
compensation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unemployment Com-
5 pensation Extension Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FIRST-TIER BENEFITS.**

2 Section 4002(b)(1) of the Supplemental Appropria-
3 tions Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “50” and
5 inserting “80”; and

6 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “13” and
7 inserting “20”.

8 **SEC. 3. SECOND-TIER BENEFITS.**

9 Section 4002 of the Supplemental Appropriations
10 Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended by adding
11 at the end the following:

12 “(c) SPECIAL RULE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, at the time that the
14 amount established in an individual’s account under
15 subsection (b)(1) is exhausted or at any time there-
16 after, such individual’s State is in an extended ben-
17 efit period (as determined under paragraph (2)),
18 such account shall be augmented by an amount
19 equal to the lesser of—

20 “(A) 50 percent of the total amount of
21 regular compensation (including dependents’ al-
22 lowances) payable to the individual during the
23 individual’s benefit year under the State law, or

24 “(B) 13 times the individual’s average
25 weekly benefit amount (as determined under
26 subsection (b)(2)) for the benefit year.

1 “(2) EXTENDED BENEFIT PERIOD.—For pur-
 2 poses of paragraph (1), a State shall be considered
 3 to be in an extended benefit period, as of any given
 4 time, if—

5 “(A) such a period is then in effect for
 6 such State under the Federal-State Extended
 7 Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

8 “(B) such a period would then be in effect
 9 for such State under such Act if section 203(d)
 10 of such Act—

11 “(i) were applied by substituting ‘4’
 12 for ‘5’ each place it appears; and

13 “(ii) did not include the requirement
 14 under paragraph (1)(A) thereof; or

15 “(C) such a period would then be in effect
 16 for such State under such Act if—

17 “(i) section 203(f) of such Act were
 18 applied to such State (regardless of wheth-
 19 er the State by law had provided for such
 20 application); and

21 “(ii) such section 203(f)—

22 “(I) were applied by substituting
 23 ‘6.0’ for ‘6.5’ in paragraph (1)(A)(i)
 24 thereof; and

1 “(II) did not include the require-
2 ment under paragraph (1)(A)(ii)
3 thereof.

4 “(3) LIMITATION.—The account of an indi-
5 vidual may be augmented not more than once under
6 this subsection.”.

7 **SEC. 4. PHASEOUT PROVISIONS.**

8 Section 4007(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations
9 Act, 2008 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
11 (2),” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (3),”; and
12 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(2) NO AUGMENTATION AFTER MARCH 31,
15 2009.—If the amount established in an individual’s
16 account under subsection (b)(1) is exhausted after
17 March 31, 2009, then section 4002(c) shall not
18 apply and such account shall not be augmented
19 under such section, regardless of whether such indi-
20 vidual’s State is in an extended benefit period (as
21 determined under paragraph (2) of such section).

22 “(3) TERMINATION.—No compensation under
23 this title shall be payable for any week beginning
24 after November 27, 2009.”.

1 **SEC. 5. TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THE FIRST**
2 **WEEK OF EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR STATES**
3 **WITH NO WAITING WEEK.**

4 With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning
5 after the date of enactment of this Act and ending on or
6 before December 8, 2009, subparagraph (B) of section
7 204(a)(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment
8 Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) shall
9 not apply.

10 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by sections 2, 3, and 4 shall
12 apply as if included in the enactment of the Supplemental
13 Appropriations Act, 2008.

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